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Fr Klerekoper re Eskimos in Armed Services

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Barrow, Alaska
Nov. 21, 1941

Colonel Caffey
Commanding Offiser,
Ladd Fiend,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Perhaps you will remember that I am the young fellow who tried to tell you how fine it would be if all your men had fur clothing like the Eskimos wear, never realizing that you had the problem of getting such fur clothing in larger numbers than these parts had ever heard of. I have often wondered how your experiments with clothing came out. How about the sheepskin boots with rubber and cork soles? Did they prove satisfactory? With reindeer becoming more scarce your experiments might prove valuable to our people.

Our Board of Selective Service has been asked for ten men. We had quite a job getting word to the fish camps reindeer herds, etc., that the boys were wanted. When they heard they were needed they volunteered, enough of them to fill our quota.

I suppose you get many letters from "fond mothers" about their "favorite sons." This letter can be classed with that type. We think of these boys as "our boys." We have known them since they were kids and have learned to appreciate their virtues and know their vices. Permit me, Colonel, to give you a little of their background.

Probably their chief characteristic is their willingness to do what they are told to the best of their ability, especially when a white man directs. When, for example, they understood they were needed in the Armed Forces of Uncle Sam they volunteered. They have been marching around the village as a group with heads high and arms swinging making those who are not going envious at their involuntary "esprit de corps."

They are a very unsophisticated group and their experience at Ladd Field will be their first experience with civilization. To this end we have been giving them a few pointers in meeting people and manners of white men. They know nothing of drinking, gambling, or swearing and we hope they never learn.

They are not without ability in their own fields. Since childhood they have used guns, knives, and dog-sleds and are experts in anything that involves these things. Most of them are crack shots with a rifle and can hit a two-inch bull's eye at seventy-five yards as I have seen them do at the shooting contests we have at Christmas and other times. They know dogs inside and out and can run beside a dog-team all day. One of the group was the idol of the village lately by finding wolves which were bothering the reindeer herd and literally running them down.

None of them have gone beyond the eighth grade. I understand from Sgt. Morgan of the Signal Corps that there may be an opportunity for them to study. They are anxious to avail themselves of this. Some have had experience with motors. Because we live on the coast this has been largely with marine motbrs. The general principles of combustion motors is the same and they can

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learn the differences, should you see fit to use them in this line of work.

Finally they like to go to church and would probably appreciate being allowed when possible to attend their own church in town, the Presbyterian.

I hope I have not again assumed to get beyond the bounds of reason. We are interested in this unique group and hope they will prove a credit to the Army and to their Commanding Officer.

With every good wish for their success and yours, I am

Believe me,

Very truly yours

Fred G. Klerekoper (signed)

Sanction by Division of Home Missions of
Service on Alaska Highway.

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College, Alaska
Sept 23 -56

Dr. J. E. Jackman, Sec
Dept of Work in Alaska
Bd. of National Missions -

My dear Dr. Jackman:

This finds me at home with a "Lougie" cold. Went to Healy Wk. ago Fri. & When I got there my bed roll was not in the house as I thot. Have not found it yet. I did not have enough covers & I have paid for it all Wk.

Tue night I made Fairbanks Creek Camp. Wed. night made one camp 48 miles up on the Livengood road & planned to stay over night. I just had to come home & go to bed. I may go out yet this P.M. to Dome Cr. Camp (F.E.). The road has been bad. Snow was quite deep & ruts were so one had to have Snow tires or chains to make it. I don't want to get stuck.

Will have world Wide Communion Service at Fairbanks for all groups, as at Easter 2 weeks from today. Will have Services at all three places next Sun. The road Comm. camps are about wound up for the season - The F.E. camps are still in operation but much reduced.

Dr. Jan writing: Rev. Slater on this mail - Evangelist for the R.R.

Your request for information regarding the assignment of Alaska Hwy work to our church has been looked into. I just cannot find any letter from Dr. King on the subject. I have a number of his letters but not on that subject. If I can locate more of the early I will.

It is my thot that the Episcopal people had objections. I know the Rev. at Tanacross was furious. But he did not serve the people, all he did was "sing" their for an offering. He was exceedingly "money hungry" Rev. Crawford can give you more information as to the attitude of the rector then I. He is the same person that lived in our house at Nenana when it caught fire.

As I remember Dr. King said they would not assign us the task but they "recognized" the work we were doing along the Alaska Highway. For other words they did not tell us to stop - or to work out a relationship with the Episcopaleans - but they recognized the Labors of Each Church - ours with natives and our church with the construction forces. From there on nothing has been brought up on the Subject Whatever. We always did have a fine working relationship.

Maybe I am at fault in that Ed. got the idea of our assignment being Exclusive. The Episcopals had been on the job since the turn of the century. The priest made it by dog team on the old trail along the river or by boat. I always regarded the christian Effort as a joint affair & helped them when ever possible

Rev Elliot Smith

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August 24, 1956

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Your letter of the 20th has been received in Dr. Nace's absence. I have endeavored to discover what action the Alaska Committee took in the early '40s in regard to the allocation of the work along the Alaska (Alcan) Highway. Enclosed are some excerpts from the minutes. Evidently any agreement on assignments was oral. The "recommendations"mentioned in the first item under May 12, 1943, were not included in the minutes.

There is some correspondence on file between Dr. George Dorey of the United Church of Canada and Dr. Dawber. Dr. Dorey wrote on December 23, 1942, that his understanding was that their church would begin at the south end of the highway and "do the work reaching out as far north as possible." He also understood "that any additional work that would be needed among the men at the North end of the road would be carried on from Alaska."

Sincerely yours,

Merle Gripman

Merle Gripman
Secretary to Dr. Nace

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ALCAN HIGHWAY

Excerpts from Alaska Committee Minutes

December 7, 1942

The representatives from Canada were concerned that we should give some consideration to the developments on the Alaska highway. After discussion it was voted that two of the members of the committee should discuss with Dr. Dorey of the United Church of Canada the Alaska highway interests.

Note added to December 7, 1942 minutes

A meeting was arranged with Dr. Dorey and a report on progress will be made later.

May 12, 1943

Dr. Dawber reported on an informal meeting of Dr. Kohlstedt and Dr. (Everett B.) King relative to matters affecting the Presbyterian and Methodist Boards; he also reported their recommendations on religious service along the Alcan Highway. ...

VOTED that Dr. King go to Alaska as the representative of the Alaska Committee in special contacts in war emergency situations; that the Mission Boards be apprized of this visit and be requested to communicate with their workers relative to Dr. King's visit.

June 2, 1944

Mr. Jackman reported on the work of Mr. Bingle on the Alcan Highway and the problem of securing gas to do his work, and requested that the Secretary approach the Army authorities to try to secure the gas necessary to meet the needs. This request was approved.

Board of National Missions
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Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska
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Alaska Highway Mobile Ministry
The Rev. & Mrs. Edward W. Diehl
(Missionaries)
Tok Junction, Alaska

August 7, 1956

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Sec.
Dept. of Work in Alaska
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

I am enclosing the original letter, dated July 17, from Bishop William J. Gordon, Episcopal Church, regarding the work of the Presbyterian Church along the Alaska Highway. These are the facts:

1. We have 4 Alaska Highway road signs up and not one has the notation in question. We have placards up in the lodges, explaining the work, and you took a picture of one at Stanley Youngs. These have been up for more than 2 years. My personal calling card and these placards do have the notation referred to.

2. Tanacross is a village, 12 miles from Tok, about two miles off the Highway and across the river. The Episcopal Church has served this village since 1912 but we do not consider it a Highway Village, and we do not serve these people. The Rev. Robert Greene, serving there for 3 years and now continuing, visits many of the people of Tok who support the Chapel, and seems to find it more satisfactory to visit with the white people than to stay in the villages and work with the native Indians. There is a terrific competitive spirit in this man, and he too would like to be considered as the Highway Chaplain.

3. The Episcopal Church advertises Dot Lake as their work. When the Indians moved from Tanacross to Dot Lake, only 10 years ago, they built their own church, and do not consider the Episcopal Church their church even though Bob Greene does go in occasionally and holds communion. These indians are more loyal to the Presbyterian Church, and it was Bert Bingle who was invited to preach to them in their church, and we continue to do the same. We do not use the chapel, however. We feel that Dot Lake is right on the Highway and therefore our responsibility also.

4. Tetlin is a village which can be reached by boat or plane alone. It is 12 miles off the Highway yet the Episcopal Church has a road sign on the Highway saying that the Mission is 12 miles thataway. This native village has many other churches serving it so it has an abundance of religion and does not need us. We have never been there. We do not consider this Highway work.

5. Central Alaska Missions moved across the river from Tanacross 5 years ago, built a Chapel, and continues to interfere with the Episcopal Church there.

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Each year we have Dog Races at Tok. These races are sponsored by white persons along the whole Highway, some supporters of the Chapel. The natives from the villages run in the races. There must be coordination between the white and native peoples. The natives seem to be Episcopalian property and they do not like anybody else working with them. Bob Greene has deliberately tried to force me out of the races so he can use the radio and newspapers to further the Episcopal Church.

One Episcopal family supports the Chapel here both in worship and monies, although they are leaving September 10. This has always irked the Episcopal Church, but the family continued faithful to us even though they did support their church too.

Perhaps the publicity of the work of the Presbyterian Church has been too much. We do not know. However, we do not argue with the Episcopal Church and try to remain on a speaking basis so that the witness to the people is not negative although he constantly gives the impression we are competition. We feel justified in working with the natives who ask to serve them, and who do live along the Highway.

Very truly yours,

Edward W. Diehl

Edward W. Diehl
Alaska Highway Chaplain

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P.S. My personal reaction to this letter from Gordon is to ignore it & count it as just another of Bob Greene's ways of sniping at our ministry. However, I will follow your suggestion in replying to it, since it may have some bearing on the higher echelons of ecumenical relations. Dick Monroe has evidently had similar unsatisfying relationships with this same Bob Greene in his work at Big Delta. To my mind, I agree with Mr Gordon that this is a small point and too small a point to warrant any further attention

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Missionary District of Alaska

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Protestant Episcopal Church

BOX 441, FAIRBANKS

THE RIGHT REVEREND
WILLIAM J. GORDON, JR.
BISHOP OF ALASKA

July 17, 1956

The Rev. Edward W. Diehl
Tok Junction
Alaska

Dear Ed:

It has been called to my attention that the highway signs erected along the Alaska Highway by the Presbyterian Church are just a little inaccurate. It seems that the listing of the Presbyterian ministry on the Alaska Highway from Big Delta to the border with the notation, "this is the official Christian ministry designated by the Home Missions Department of the National Council of Churches to the Presbyterian Church to serve all denominations", is not completely accurate and I am sure that you will agree.

The Episcopal Church has been working the Tanacross, Tetlin, Dot Lake area since 1912 and I feel certain that the Home Missions Department has not designated this particular area to the Presbyterian Church and I am sure that you do not intend to give this impression but that is the impression given to the average uninformed public. This is a small point but people can get a little touchy about these things sometimes and I know that you will be glad to clarify this situation.

It has been good to have a happy working relationship with the Presbyterian Church through the years and I look forward to working together our mutual endeavors for many more years to come.

With my warm personal greetings, I am

Faithfully yours,

William J. Gordon, Jr.

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Please Reply Via AIR MAIL

REV. WM. C. WARTES
MISSIONARY-PASTOR-PILOT
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Utkeaġvik Presbyterian Church

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FRED IPALOOK
CLERK OF SESSION

November 11, 1957

Dear Dr. Jackman,

I have sent in the insurance information as per you last letter, adding a note to Mr. Tribus.

You should have a wire from us as to the new family addition in less than two weeks. She is getting along fine, although having to spend most of her time in bed because of swelling. Last night she had to get up to take part in the Scout Honor Court, and found that the swelling started immediately, and extended even to her hands for the first time. It has been bothering her for about a month, but is now chronic. She has asked that I put this typewriter on the bed so that she can continue typing up our annual narrative report. I have most of it penciled out, but have not agreed to her working on it in bed. It may be late, but we will keep at it.

Yours in Christ,

Bill

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FRED IPALOOK
CLERK OF SESSION

November 19, 1957

Dear Dr. Jackman:

This letter attached is self-explanatory. It may be the answer to our prayers so I hasten it on to you for investigation and decision. If this young man could come upon his graduation and ordination (I assume he will be ordained after his graduation in December) as the hoped-for intern, he could work with us, get to know the field, the program, the airplane, etc. for six months before we left. If he and his bride-to-be plan to marry upon her graduation in June, possibly she could come here then and be married before we leave. This may be the answer as to whether we return or not because this may be God's man for the job.

You may remember this Gary Kamerling and be able to judge quite quickly his merits. I do not know him but Dick's description would seem to indicate that he fits the need to a "T".

Sincerely,

Bonnie

← Bill Blanks, now at S.F.T.S., was here on Deputation this summer.

Bill and I have been talking to Gary Kamerling, a senior, about Barrow. He is open to the Lord's will and we had told him of the opening next year during your leave. He is from Hollywood Presbyterian Church and a wonderful fellow. Presently Gary is engaged to a girl who will receive her Master's degree here in June. Gary has a private pilots license with about 250 hours flight time, and he and a friend owned a Mooney Mite before coming to Seminary. He was a civil engineer and so did much of the light maintenance on the plane himself. I told him I would be glad to write you recommending him and inquiring as to whether the position had been filled.

Gary graduates this December and is presently being confronted with many opportunities, so he would have to be interviewed rather soon. Gary knows Dr. Jackman through National Missions work done during the summer.

Dick ← Dick Righter, now at S.F.T.S. was also here on Deputation this summer —

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November 21, 1957

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
Dept. of Work in Alaska
156 - Fifth Avenue
New york 10, New York

OK

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Here is the narrative report for the year of 1957, with special thought to the fact that this month will end our second term here at Barrow. I am wondering if you might better wait to go into reading all of this until you are home and very comfortable...perhaps with mrs. Jackman nearby to give you some help with refreshments from time to time.

Bonnie has been in bed most of the time during the last month, but trying to carry on some of her work from there. All of this report was typed by her there in bed with a piece of panel plywood across to suitcases. If there are some typographical errors uncorrected, please bear with us.

This report is long, but I would like to point out there are a good many things still unsaid or inadequately presented. To my mind such reports and letter writing are at best a poor excuse. I do wish we could sit down for a full day together.

I would really appreciate your writing a letter to the congregation here, via Fred Ipalook, our clerk; instructing them on what your plan for our six month extension here is. It may be that we will call a congregational meeting before the January Annual meeting to clear this up, if that is your pleasure.

Included with this report you will find a note that came from Dick Righter at SFTS in San Anselmo. One of his senior class mates will be graduating soon, and is interested in filling our furlough time or perhaps even our replacement. He may well be a real wonderful answer to prayer at this time. I would be slow to turn over the plane in this part of the world without a pilot having more time than 250 hours, but details and time on the field could add up to a promising situation. By details I mean getting a float plane rating, experience on skiis and some instrument training; also familiarization with the North Slope geography. If he does graduate in mid-winter and is at that time available, then it would be within reason to be able to work out all these things with me this coming spring. Also, make it possible for us to do a better piece of work in the months ahead. Remembering your statement to Presbyteryover a year ago that money was budgeted for an intern, surely there would be funds available after all this time for a single but ordained assistant. What a blessing this would be. Please! investigate at your earliest convenience.

Wrote Kamerling 11/ /57.

In Christ,

Bill

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December 10, 1957

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

I have taken the trouble to write a letter to Mr. Weir as per the carbon copy herewith. It is my prayer that you will not be offended with my having done this. I felt a strong compulsion to write it, although it was rushed as so often my letters are, and not written as I would like. At this point I am not asking Bonnie to type any of my letters yet, but she will be back on the job soon. She is trying now to get out all our Christmas greetings and baby announcements.

ack 12/18/57

I am certainly sorry I have not been able to get off the Estimate of Property repairs on schedule. We have been on the move constantly, but giving primary attention to the Advance Program material and plan. As is customary our local Canvass comes later than November, so that is now in progress, although earlier than we have ever had it since my coming to Barrow. It has been the tradition here to have it in the week of Christmas. I have wanted to get away from that. It is for this reason that we alwas run into trouble in getting the Self Support goals accepted and sent in on time.

With the first phase of the Canvass over I am happy to report that it looks like we will do considerably better all down the line of our giving here. Most gratifying is the fact I have noted on some of the cards of people planning to tithe. In two cases no amount was mentioned but simply the fact that all income would be tithed. When all the pledgings are in we will be able to give you the Self Support Advance, and it is apparant already that we will pledge more than you have asked. You can expect to hear from me on this before Christmas.

For the last three or four Sundays we have had standing room only in the church, with about 30-40 people standing and all the folding chairs in use...about one hundred. There were in attendance 42 youth and young adults in our two communicant classes last Wedensday, with over fifty on the rolls in this program. There were close to 400 out for Sunday school, and it is exceedingly difficult to handle this number. I hesitate to leave with so much going on here, but have the plane even now in the process of being heated for preparation for a trip to Anaktuvuk in the dark. I must get up there before Christmas, rush and tough or not.

In Him, Bill

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December 10, 1957

Samuel C. Weir, Chairman
Special Committee on Consolidations
705 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Weir:

I read your communication in Monday morning with reference to constructive suggestions on the union of boards and agencies of their functions. It did not immediately occur to me that I wanted to write anything on this matter, but now that the time you have suggested the letters be in has arrived, here I am sitting down to write.

As you might well expect my interest in writing has to do with the National Board of Missions, and in particular the Department of Work in Alaska. But before I go into detail I would like to state that it is greatly encouraging to me that we are able to go ahead with the present union plan at this time. It would seem to give us great possibility of doing a better job with funds and leadership available than ever in the history of our church. It was a big thrill to me to be a Commissioner to the Assembly this year and to feel a part of what will soon happen in this union.

The special point in hand involves the secretary of the Department of work in Alaska. It has been my privilege to work with Dr. J. Earl Jackman for over six years. I have the very highest of respect for him and praise for his faithful service. There is little question in my mind but that very few could do the job he has been doing so well for a goodly number of years. I have not heard anything from my co-workers in Alaska and Yukon presbyteries but praise of his leadership and deep thanks for all his efforts on behalf of our Alaska program. Certainly, no one who knows the fields in the territory would hesitate to say that things have really been going ahead in recent years.

None the less, I have the following feeling that has been often in my mind for more than a few years, and often mentioned by numerous other missionaries and pastors: not only is Alaska growing, so is our work and responsibility...our continuing opportunity to be a leading force is being challenged. Many of our ministers feel that the Alaska field should not have to be included with 'stateside' sunday school missions. It is not that we have anything against these other efforts, but to expect one man to head them up we feel is rather short sighted. It is not that we feel neglected by Dr. Jackman, but simply a

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matter of one man being expected to do more than is humanly possible. We do have a field assistant secretary, but he does not control the budget nor the personnel appointments, nor a good many other things that Dr. Jackman's so distant office must directly handle.

I am not sure of the absolute figures, but it is my understanding that we have the largest number of missionaries at work in the territory of any denomination; still we are one of the few groups that do not have the equal of a bishop on the field. The Episcopal church has had bishops for many years. Now, be assured I am not trying to argue about the matter of bishops; this does not particularly interest me, but I am pointing up our need to give more singular attention to the special needs and problems of Alaska. In the immediate future Alaska may well be a new State in a union of its own. We would do very well to be ahead of some of the things that will be happening, but at this time putting the Alaska work, and the Alaska work only under one head. We have been the leading force in missions in Alaska down through the years, but right now and in the not so distant future we are going to have to do very well indeed to even hold our own with the needs and developments. We are in a position where it would seem hard to imagine too much of Dr. Jackman's fine leadership and attention.

There has never been an Alaska secretary that has gotten to the field like are present Dr. Jackman. The airplane has been a great help to shorten the tremendous miles that are involved. Still, it has been over three years since I have had a chance to sit down and really talk with Dr. Jackman. It is true we have had opportunity to quickly scan some of the problems, but I cannot help but feel he is much to distant from the work of this and other fields in our Alaska mission. This is certainly no fault of his. It is a bit far fetched to expect him to be able to keep in touch with all the sixty (sixty) school missionaries and all of our fields in Alaska. There have been times when I have not had an answer to a letter to Dr. Jackman within months, while on other occasions I have had an answer within the very week I wrote the letter. It is rather obvious that if he were in the office and able to get to all the mail he would have the answeres needed promptly.

It is one of my hopes and prayers, therefore, that with the new union we will have have leadership available to permit the release of Dr. Jackman from (Junior) school missions to full scale leadership of our Alaska effort. Perhaps I am a bit presumptuous about, feeling that Dr. Jackman would give up the these folks for us, but a lot more is involved than that. I know it is a monumous thing...this union. My suggestion may seem to be of little real importance to some, but to us at work on this edge of our great church there is much real gold yet to be dug in Alaska for Christ and His Kingdom. Everyone knows you can pan for gold or put in a dredge, but the results are not really very similar as for realtgold in hand.'

Yours, in His service,

William C. Wartes

JAN 17 1958

Utkeaġvik Presbyterian Church

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SAMUEL SIMMONDS
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FRED IPALOOK
CLERK OF SESSION

SOS re: 1/9 date (2nd page)

January 9, 1958

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Ave. (Room 711)
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

I have wanted to answer your least letter for some time, particularly with reference to the suggestion of possible financial help because of Eldon Lloyd's arrival. We have no bill as yet from the U.S. Public Health for Bonnie's stay at the hospital (she was hospitalized twice but on the first occassion was a false alarm), but they have said there would have to be a charge. None the less, we do not feel inclined to ask for help. We will be able to manage it very nicely but we do appreciate the offer very much. The back trouble I have had caused us considerable financial hardship during the last year, but with the increase in our salary we are back on our feet; there is also now the promise from the insurance agent in Juneau that we will be re-imbursed for the major expenses. It looks as if we will even be able to build up a little savings account to help on furlough expenses. Another boost to our finances is that we cut our food order this past year to a minimum, not knowing whether we would be re-appointed to this station. We are anxious that we not leave a tremendous supply of food such as we assumed on our arrival. Our first year here our net check was less than $50. a month because of it. Even if we are reappointed, there is little need to keep such supplies in store as was necessary in the past. The local stores are well stocked and parcel post charges are such that it is not out of line to order things as needed--in some cases it is cheaper than by North Star as you know. Furthermore we no longer have any warehouse space to store food what with Samuel's family crowded enough with his own groceries stored in every room including their front room. This year we are storing what we cannot keep in the pantry in the bedrooms. (As I glance back at this paragraph, it appears I have gone rather far afield in explaining why we do not need financial help with the expenses incurred by the addition to our family.)

Incidentally, the baby is fine, having gained more than three pounds over his birth weight in a little less than one month. Bonnie is still experiencing considerable swelling of legs and feet which the doctor cannot understand or explain, but she feeling more herself day by day. My back has apparently taken a turn for the better again. I have had some periods with back and leg aches but, on the whole, they have been more mild. I am most thankful for this.

We had a fine Christmas, augmented by the thoughtfulness of many friends with special gifts. I even got a Swiss stop-watch--something I have wanted for years for sport activities. We certainly have some great supporters back home, which really makes one feel unable to possibly be the missionary they think you are. It makes us feel so inadequate as I can easily see I am not anywhere near as wonderful as they claim. We received many, many very high commendations for our newsletter that we are reminded that only two went out in 1957 and it seemed we had to steal time for these. It would be easy to spend more time on this sort of thing and do a much better job. I do enjoy writing and the contact with churches and people but really do not like mimeographing.

If we had a better machine it would help. Is there any chance that we could get a Rex duplicator or a similar silkscreen type machine? We do a lot of mimeographing--Sunday bulletins, monthly activity calendars, special letters, frequent youth group projects require mimeo'd material, newsletters, etc. Our old Model 90 A.B.Dick is not unusable--in fact, it is quite superior to what Roy has. I would suggest that our machine be reconditioned and given to Roy if we could get something more modern. I know he does do some mimeographing but not very much.

Speaking of promotional things, last Sunday we completed a long distance phone call with one of our Seattle supporting churches (Hillcrest) at their request and instigation. We do have so many various requests from churches, groups, individuals, the office of Specific Work, etc. for help in promoting the work that it comes close to driving us to distraction some times. I felt that the time spent with Everett Parker and crew in October was well spent; however, it took over a full week of time and interferred with local work and programming very markedly. I was really sorry that when John Groller wrote wanting another Christmas tape for the same program we were on last Christmas, I had to write him that I just could not take the time--it was just too much at this time. Somehow a missionary has to find time to be a missionary but, believe me, it is hard to do at a picturesque station such as this one. Actually, if I were out in the States (and not responsible for a mission station) I would enjoy the mission promotional work a great deal and did in 1954, but the difficulty on the field is to know how far to go in giving time to such things as over and against the real work of the field. We have felt this as an acute problem at Barrow from the first.

Thinking about our returning or otherwise after furlough, makes me ask again that you write Fred Ipalock, Clerk of Session, with reference to our status. We will be having our annual Congregational meeting Sunday night, January 19th, and should have some word by that time for the people. I feel that I am already in an awkward situation with the congregation, their having had no say about the extension of our normal term. It is not a problem at all, but seems the better part of wisdom.

There is no change in my feeling about our relationship to this field. There are many reasons favoring our staying on, but there are other obvious reasons why we could feel it reasonable to leave as hard as it will be. We will advise you of any action the congregation takes. I intend to state our future relationship as stated above to the congregation.

NMBR (3)

Turning to another matter entirely: I am wondering if there will be any money available for a Chapel in Anaktuvuk Pass. If the answer is 'yes', I will need to do some immediate planning and ordering of certain materials and equipment; even $500 could get us well started. If not, I will have to rethink the whole matter.

I am sorry the report of Self-support Advance is late again, but realizing the yearly giving estimate was in earlier this fall and that in my last letter I told you I was confident we would exceed this year's giving, I felt you would prefer to wait and get a more accurate estimate based on the written pledges. We still will receive a few more pledges, but the great majority are in and now reviewed by the Session so that our Self-support Advance statement is submitted with greater basis on pledged income. Last year the Session was very slow to say what to expect and considerable time was spent discussing the matter, then the pledge was not as accurate as it should have been. We pledged $4,000 (receipts from field to Board) but sent an additional $1,500 as well as sending more for Benevolences than ever before and, having more programming here, we had a higher level of running expenses. We have not completed the financial report for '57 but that will be coming for the annual Congregational meeting. We have increased our pledge of Field Receipts to $6,000 and expect local expenses to be higher as well, such as janitor costs, etc.

Sincerely, Bill

cc to Brian

PRESBYTERIAN PARISH VISITOR
Olive Fisher
1530 Juneau Street
Anchorage, Alaska

JAN 17 1958

January 14, 1958

Dr. J.Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

About four years ago Rev. Henry Hartmann gave each worshipper at the Haines Presbyterian Church a Lenten reading booklet entitled "Sanctuary". It was similar to"Today"but was for the whole Lenten season. I was very much helped and inspired in the reading of this booklet and am wondering if there is any such booklet out for this year? I kept my copy for quite a while but in the three moves I have made so recently I must have lost it for I cannot find it and I am sorry I cannot tell you who published it. If there is such a booklet, I would like around 250 copies of it to hand out during Lent. TODAY is fine but it doesn't last long enough to get people in the habit of daily Bible reading and prayer. I use both it and the Upper Room personally and like both.

I would also like 3 copies of "Letters for Young Churches" S1617 by Phillips. And 2 copies of the less expensive Revised Standard Edition of S1618 the "Bible". I will pay you for all this order when I receive the bill.

OK 1/17/58 B—

Thank you very much for the lovely book "Is God at Home?" by Phillips, which you sent to me. I know I will enjoy reading it very much and profit by it, too. I have several other books "in the reading" so have disciplined myself to finishing them first.

Thank you too for your kindness and helpfulness to all of us in the Field. We sincerely appreciate your interest and prayers, too. May God continue to bless you and give you a wonderful sense of fulfillment in His Kingdom's work this year of 1958.

Sincerely yours,

Olive Fisher

P.S. I am thrilled that you signed my book!

After Christmas Journal

JAN 2 1958

Our own lives are small at their greatest
and short at their longest,
but they can be part of something
as wide as the world,
and eternal,
if we give them to God
to use in building His Kingdom.

I found this quotation in "Near to the Heart of God" by Cleland McAfee and Katharine McAfee Parker, and I think it is a stimulating thought for the new year. I also heard a brief story on the radio of a woman who had finished an intricate piece of crochet work, and, as she stood back to admire it, the thought, as a voice, came to her, "what are you doing to decorate your home in heaven?" She began then to do some special tasks for the Lord. I realize how prone I am to "decorate" this worldly "habitation", when there is joy unspeakable in saying and doing things for His glory. I pray God that I keep the "heavenly vision".

Christmas in Anchorage was different than the eleven Christmases I had spent at Haines House. In reality, I was so busy with my visitation program and letter writing that I didn't miss Haines House preparations a great deal. I talked with many happy, excited children in the homes in which I visited. Saw and heard "Ahmal and the Night Visitors" presented beautifully. The Anchorage Community Chorus and Community College Theatre Workshop presented a play, a drama of the nativity as a platform reading with choral background, carols and parts of the Messiah. The drama and music were especially delightful and inspiring. The Faith Church School program was lovely with its dignified Prophets, its host of precious little angels and the dear nativity personnel, even though the two little sheep about wore out their knees crawling around and one saying aloud,"I am a sheep"; the precious angels were so intrigued with their wings and halos they forgot to sing "Glory in the highest"; the wise men,having been told to walk "slow", arrived after Joseph had heeded the angel's warning and had"departed to Egypt";and the"curtain drawing" angels didn't draw the curtains until after several frantic cues from their Department Superintendent. Children are so unaffected and natural! I had a great time Christmas Eve, helping distribute gifts to patients in the Native hospital, and later felt uplifted and peaceful at the midnight candle lighted Church service. Rev. and Mrs. Lowell Campbell invited Alice, two Eskimo boys and me to Christmas dinner, which we enjoyed greatly. Their three little boys added joy to the occasion. But toward evening,when we had time to open our gifts - I missed "my" Haines House boys! Always on Christmas afternoon,when the festivities were almost over, a number of the boys came to my room when I opened my gifts and we had such fun. I began to reminisce and became quite homesick fro Haines House! But it was a wonderful Christmas, and I'm glad I am in Anchorage. The wonderful letters and cards I received and am still receiving thrill me, for friends are dear to my heart.

We've had a mild winter, A few days the temperature was below zero, once as low as 19 below, but with practically no wind, zero and above seems like spring weather. The temperature reached 40 degrees on Jan. 6th. Everything is so beautiful covered with hoar frost or snow. We've had 24.3 inches of snow thus far this winter. Trailers, houses, fences covered with snow, especially where there are trees,make beautiful winter pictures. If one drives carefully, even driving isn't too bad.

Had a real thrill today when a new resident interrupted our telephone conversation to ask about a Presbyterian Church as a "church home" for his family. And when I was invited to a"Trailer Court tea". I am not making so many calls a day and spending more time in a home. This is proving much more enjoyable and I am sure it will be more effective for Christ and His Church, for we have time to discuss the need of Church fellowship, Christian training for children, and personal devotions and acceptance of Christ and His way of Life. I need your prayers that I may be led to make Christ's way attractive and impelling to those with whom I come in contact. I pray that His blessings may rest richly and abundantly on each one of you.

JAN 20 1958

The Community Presbyterian Church

P.O. Box 6
Hoonah, Alaska

Arthur A. Johnson, Sr.
Minister

Jan. 15, 1958

The Rev. J.Earl Jackman,D.D.
Department of Work in Alaska,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

There are balances in
S1& (48.61) and
Bdldg a/c (1234.59) for Hoonah
Ask.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

I wish I knew How to approach this matter. We do need a movie projector. I got along without it at Klawock but after I got one I got so accostomed to it that I find it real hard to be without one.

The thing I could not understand is that the Craig church has a projector which they can easily get repaired. Another thing I do not understand is that Rev. Betts got his projector while he was here and he took it with him.

May be I will just have to do without it,but it does not seem right. May be I can just wait and see what might develop.

When I discovered that the church here did not do anything about their pastor's salary,that is their share of it, I got busy and as a result they raised enough to pay what they owed according to the papers which was signed by the clerk or the Pastor. The figure on the signed paper was $300.00. It was the only paper which showed any figure. Of course I do not know just what transpired during the time Rev. Betts was here. I found this paper among other papers which Betts left here. I am referring to what the local Congregation agreed to pay towards the Pastors' salary in the year 1957.

* What would it cost for 75"Hymnbooks" ---------- if We purchased it through your office, plus one Organist's book?

Most sincerely yours,

Arthur A Johnson Sr.

* List $1.50 for 25 or more copies
organists' edition $1.60

JAN 20 1958

a Green (2)

P.H.S.Native Hospital
Box 741
Anchorage, Alaska
January 16,1958

Dear Dr. Jackman,

I appreciated very much receiving your very interesting family news letter. Also thankyou for the book. I haven't read it as yet, but will start it as soon as I complete the book I am now reading. Glad you sent Olive and me different books so we can read each others.

I amsorry to be a little late with the last payment on the car, but I am enclosing my check for $150 to complete payment. Thankyou so much for being patient.

'61 Cr at Rowen Rd SJC - final payment on car loan ck # 4087 2 - $150.-

Was surprised to receive word of Dr. Nace's retirement. Did not know until notice came of the one taking his place until another is elected to be Head of the Home Missions department. Hope he did not have to retire due to ill health.

Everything is going fine here. Will be looking forward to seeing you at Presbytery time. Certainly have had wonderful weather so far.

Sincerely,

Olive Green

JAN 23 1958

Cecil Moore

Copy

January 12, 1958

Dear Brian,

We want to thank you for keeping Cerene overnight on her return to school. It was good to know she had sense enough to stay with you instead of doing something else. Seems evident that some of the SJ kids are pretty thoughtless. Cerene said they aren't allowed to "kiss" anymore; just allowed to hold hands. The kissing should have been "out" from the beginning, anyway. Poor kids, they think its awful the way they are abused. Cerene was something of a problem to us for awhile, but it seems to be changed now. We are thankful for that, and hope she will do better in the future.

Do suppose my letter was a little too much for Jackman? He hasn't written since then, and I've really been low in enthusiasm. Your letter helped me get up a little more steam for awhile, but its about spent now. Why a fellow must feel such a feeling of failure is beyond me at times, yet it must have a place in the scheme of things.

What would happen to me should I resign in about six months? Would the Board do anything transportation wise, and would I be expected to repay the Board for the trip to Alaska? I don't see how it will be possible for me to continue in this assignment beyond summer. I don't think of myself as a quiter, but as a "changer" of some kind. Dr. Jackman told me that there might be a possibility of changing to another place in Alaska, after serving at Tok awhile. The opening at First Church is exactly what I wanted to go into, but not <u>one</u> word has been said about it to me by any of the "powers that be".

If I'm not suitable for such a position under the Board, perhaps some church in the states would see fit to hire me. Do you believe there is such thing as a person finding his place within the ministry? I do. Thus far, I have not found it. Frankly speaking, I do not feel myself slated for the pastoral ministry. Irene is about convienced of the fact now, but she was a hard one to persuade. She has been the strongest force driving me on in the pastorage. Not seeing the situation in Alaska clearly from such a great distance, I had imagined a Minister of Christian Education would be in demand. Apparently, Frank Walkup is in an awkard position to make an offer even if he should care to enlist my services. At any rate, I feel it imperative that a change into CE has to be made before I loose my balance.

Perhaps you can and will make some suggestions. I'm even to the point of thinking in terms of paying our own way out, and paying the Board for part of the expenses up here ——if it takes years to do so. Irene thinks I'm to forward, and to determined to make things work out my own way, but she does not know the inner struggles I have with myself being a mis-fit in so many ways in a pastoral relationship. It is hardly possible to make yourself be something you aren't you know. These people really need an evangelist, not a director of CE.

Thanks again for helping Cerene during her stay overnight in Juneau. We now have the new maple floor in the fellowship hall, and finished. Finished it myself, as no one care to help. Sincerely, /s/ Cecil

MAY 15 1958

Ukeaġvik Presbyterian Church

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BARROW, ALASKA

REV. WM. C. WARTES
MISSIONARY-PASTOR-PILOT

SAMUEL SIMMONDS
LAY PREACHER

FRED IPALOOK
CLERK OF SESSION

May 10, 1958

[redacted],

This is rushed...I just came in from Anaktuvuk...having taken Homer Mekiana up there after his ordination last Sunday here. I also took Samuel up and his start on a special preaching [illegible] is underway. We have the light plant in operation [illegible] also laid the first corner stone for the main log foundation of the new building there.

I would certainly like to have some substantial word on how far to go on this expense-wise. I have taken numerous loads of equipment and material in already and done a lot of work hauling and cutting logs myself.

[redacted] can do on the roofing material. Time is running out for the use of the lake up there this Spring. I will likely be able to make only one more trip into Anaktuvuk while I am the missionary here....unless I stay and introduce the new man to the fields by the use of wheels and floats late in June and early in July.

I have borrowed Roy's power saw from Wainwright...it has worked OK for what we wanted, but is not a substitute for the mill rock that would have worked well with our ice saw. We had to abandon that idea, as the equipment was not available. The [illegible] of the logs will [illegible] especially. It will mean more hand work and a rougher job, but it cannot be done differently this year, and they wanted to go ahead so I could not discourage them.

Today's plane is late, so I am making the most of this to get an extra letter off to you for the most prompt possible answer.

I have the Maintenance order in process...it will be along in less than a week. Of course Samuel is not here...and we have all been so rushed as to not know which way is up; but the last word from him this morning was that we could go ahead on last years basic order with only slight changes...so this will be in the mail soon too.

Back to the mountains...we have most of the logs cut and more than half of them hauled...some over fourty miles. There are perhaps as many as fourteen dog teams at work at this moment. They will be making the last trips today and Monday and Tues.

Sincerely Bill

Bill

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REV. WM. C. WARTES
MISSIONARY-PASTOR-PILOT
SAMUEL SIMMONDS
LAY PREACHER

Utkeaġvik Presbyterian Church

FOUNDED 1891
BARROW, ALASKA

FRED IPALOOK
CLERK OF SESSION

May 12, 1958

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
Dept. of Work in Alaska
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Franks Efner.

Yesterday I found, when talking with the government engineer, that they had been given a go ahead on running a road on our property. [illegible] bility. They do not have any property in the area involved along most of the line for the proposed road. If you have really gone ahead and approved this without proper study of it, I feel this is a real blunder. I know this may sound presumptous on my part to write thusly, however, from my own personal standpoint it makes no difference...I won't be here to worry about the results...but it seems a very short sighted view of the land situation here.

I have already reported to you in years past, though I do not expect you to keep all this information at your fingertip, that two of the hospital buildings are so close to our line that at corners they actually are on our land. They now plan to tear down one of these. Even so it will put the road within inches of Samuel's igloo, and almost all of the route of the road fully on our property. To say that it will be fifty percent on hospital property is a gross exaggeration and not within the realm of possibility as presently planned. To my way of thinking we have been very negligent in holding the government agencies on both sides of us to reasonable use of the land available. The back of our property has carried the road for many years and is at present unusable as space for any purpose we might have. The school building program is pressing us from the West. Two angular approaches to the village on the water front side cut both the NW and NE corners off of our property to a considerable extent. When the new nurses quarters were built, this hospital unit was put on the old Mission manse site. This is one of the buildings that is now protruding onto our property, and the proposed road will will have to route around this building.

I realize there are some serious problems to working out these matters satisfactorily with all concerned, and that we have to do our best to be considerate and cooperative. At present it would appear that we have been the one to have to make repeated concessions to the adjacent land holders. It is true that we have a good arrangement on the electricity, and this is to

our decided benefit. [illegible]
coming to and end and something should [illegible]
this. The point is that if the present plan is worked out, and there is little reason to believe that it will not be; then it may be that there will not be surplus power for us to purchase. Let me explain...the plan now is to have the Weather Bu., the Hospital, the Schools (including a new high school in the near future) the A.C.S. and the Bu. of Standards all on one central light plant. Be assured that as a taxpayer I have done considerable urging in recent years over the fact that separate light plants were in use by these separate agencies of the government...most of the time three plants have been going here in Barrow, and some of the time four...while a considerably larger single plant could be operated for only a very small increase in operational cost and a great deal less upkeep and maintnece cost.

As far as we are concerned, the point is this: the overall electricity situation willbe markedly changed. Probably the Public Health people will not have the final say on the way it is worked out. Furthermore, with all these demands on one light plant there is a good question as to just how much of the power will be available. At this point this in not wholly possible to determine, as you can readily see some of the demands on such a system are not now clearly discernable. The whole school picture is in flux, the Weather Bu. has already added two new living untis in the last year, and on and on grows the demand for power.

The present recommendation is for a central plant of double the present hospital output...but this will be far less than the present combined ability of the plants in use...that is approximately one third. Not knowing the demands of the other agencies I do not know what this will eventually mean. There may well be a period of testing and reorganization to get all the problems ironed out. The new plant will use the natural gas rather than diesel fuel.

This brings up the matter of the natural gas. The pipe line they have now nearlly into the village will likely not be increased in size in the foreseeable future...if ever. And, according to the enineer the plan of installation and supply now being worked out does not include any other users than the government agencies. In fact, they expect to use all the gas available through this pipe (four inch I believe he said) under immediate demands presently known. They are putting in a tee fitting adjacent to our property, but Congress has made no gas available to private groups or individuals, and seeing as the engineer has said there will be no gas available under the present installation I do not understand the putting in of said 'tee' fitting for extension of the pipe line to other users.

[illegible]

out of the hands of us all here. No one in any of the agencies here has anything to say about this. Mr. Ufner the engineer would be happy to install the pipe line for us...but has no such authority nor instruction. It mightbe worth your effort to try to do something in Washington on this.

This brings up the additional problem of the large oil storage tanks placed practically in our front yard. I have asked Mr. Ufner (this may have two 'f's) if there was anything that could be done to have those tanks moved elsewhere. He has heartily agreed that they are not only an eye-sore where they are but they are as well a hazzard of some considerable sort. He told me after church yesterday morning that he has sent in a recommendation that they be moved elsewhere, and that a tank farm area be set up back of the village near the graveyard or behind the ASC property. I was certainly glad to hear this, and do hope it goes through. A few words on this from your office would be of some value on this in helping get proper consideration for this recommendation.

I am sorry that I could not get more to you on all this some time ago, but it all came to a head toofast and at a time when I have been out of the village more than here.

It is of considerable concern to me that we are being pressed so hard on all sides property-wise. We have had a prime piece of land here, and whoever choose it away back there in the early days did so with considerable wisdom... I only hope that we can do the proper thing now to guard both our interests and those of the people here with reference to their community center. It would seem that there was very poor planning the time the hospital portion of our land was given up and that now we are pushed into a corner...perhaps this is a talking point and one which needs to be handled carefully at this time.

There is little question in my mind but that the mission needs here and long range thinking should include additional facilities...and this in the not too distant future. Just where and how such plans will allow expansion is getting to be more of a problem from year to year as the squeeze play continues on all sides. In my last annual report and final analysis of the field here and future needs, you will recall that I have suggested a few basic goals we should be striving for in the near future.

One other matter I would like to mention in this letter has to do with the fact that last year we were able by running a very close use of our coal to get through the year and up until this month with only one load of coal. It should be pointed out [illegible] to carry us through into the fall of 1957. The point I am trying to make has to do with pointing out that this year we will again very likely have to purchase two loads of coal if it is available. Not knowing what is going to happen on the Heale Given Coal Mine set-up I would that they bring on another load of coal immediately... with the hope that we could last with this late into 1957. This may adversely effect our budget but it seems the wise thing at this time.

In Christ, Bill

R Van Nest (2)

OCT 14 1958

October, 1958

Dear Friends (and relatives),

Greetings from the newest and largest state! The Van Nest's are very elated over this new change. We feel that we can be a very valuable addition to the Union, and that we can grow and develop ourselves as a result of our admission.

When we last wrote in May, the people here were already starting to get into the summer swing of things. That means that they were getting their boats ready for fishing, and everyone was restless and preparing to can fish and berries. It also meant that other summer patterns would set in. For many, summer week-ends are the times to go on drinking sprees, then during the winter they "dry up". It's just part of the pattern. Summer is also the time when, like in the other 48 states, church attendance falls off. Part of the reason is very legitimate, since the men are out all week and only come home from Saturday evening until Sunday evening. They have worked hard all week, so they are dead tired. The women have the week's wash to do which has accumulated out on the boats. They also want to have a chance to see their husbands a little before they go back out. In addition, they are usually busy picking and canning berries. So, we don't have many out to church in the summer. In fact, it takes a while for them to get back into the "winter swing". They still haven't gotten back into it now, but it won't be long. We had one particular bright spot, when, one afternoon after we had only about five at church Bob went to get the offering and found sixty dollars folded together in the offering plate. It was from one of our members who had decided to tithe. That was very encouraging. There are several who have made stabs at tithing, but not steadily. On a day when there were so few out, we felt that at least something had been accomplished for our Lord.

In spite of the small attendance at church, the summer was filled with many busy days. In June, we had a Baccalaureate Service for the Junior High School graduates in Klawock. Also in June, Bob was at our Junior High Camp at Rainbow Glacier Camp near Haines. That is work that he always enjoys doing. There were about fifty-five young people from all over southeastern Alaska present, both whites and Indians. We travelled to camp on the new motor vessel of the Board of National Missions, the Anna Jackman. It was such a wonderful experience to be travelling on the new boat. It is designed especially for our work in Alaska. There is a large area in the cabin where the young people can gather, eat, and worship. The bunks are much nicer than the Princeton-Hall (especially since they don't leak down on your head). The new boat makes it so much easier to work with and handle the young people, that there is really no comparison to the Princeton-Hall. There is also radar on it, which assures us of a safe passage in foggy weather. Also, Dick and Doon Nelson, the skipper and his wife, are living on the boat. There are good accommodations for them including shower, freezer, automatic washer and dryer. It isn't easy to live on a boat all year, but these facilities help. We stayed at camp for a week and carried out the regular Presbyterian camping program. We felt that we had communicated our faith in Christ to these young people better than we had at any other camp.

Bob returned from Camp around June 14, and Phyl left for the hospital in Ketchikan on June 21. The baby was originally expected on the third of July, and there were some signs that she should go earlier, so she left. Bob took care of the boys (then two) for the first few days. On June 28, the Vacation Bible School teachers arrived for six weeks. They were three college girls from California , Colorado, and Oklahoma. They first of all taught for two weeks in Klawock, commuting back and forth from Craig, and then for two weeks in Craig. Our Bible School has been improving each year, and this was the best

year that Craig has had yet. The children look forward to it each year, and we had in Craig the highest percentage of perfect attendance yet. So, this is one area where the church is definitely making strides. It was successful because the people cooperated more than ever, and because the teachers were very good. After the four weeks of Bible School were finished, the girls stayed for two more weeks of "work camping" around our two churches. They certainly helped us out in many ways. They cut down some of our high grass in front of the Craig church, painted part of the inside of the church, and about half of the outside of the manse. In addition, they did many other little things. In Klawock, they laid tile in the balcony of the church. They must have laid about five or six hundred pieces of tile. While they were doing that, Bob and one of the elders finished pannelling a Sunday School room downstairs. So we didn't let any grass grow under our feet. The girls left Craig for Sitka on Friday morning, and Bob left for Ketchikan to see Phyl on Friday afternoon.

While all of these Bible Schools and work projects were going on in Craig, Phyl was still over in Ketchikan "expecting". So you can imagine that all of us were a little tense. Finally, two days after Bob got over to Ketchikan, and seven weeks after Phyl had gotten there, Jeffrey Robert arrived on Sunday, August 10, a typical day for a minister's baby to be born. So, at last, it had happened. Everyone had been a month off in their calculations, but Jess didn't care about our calculations. After Jeff arrived, we all stayed over in Ketchikan for three weeks as our vacation.

We returned to Craig on August 29, and on September 16-18 we were hosts for the first Fall Meeting of the Alaska Presbytery to be held in several years. It really wasn't any strain for us to entertain them. There were only twenty-two delegates and they only stayed for two and a half days. We were planning for them to stay an extra day, and we hoped that they would, but the men had to get back to their pulpits. We had so few delegates because there were hardly any elder representatives present. The reason for this was that the elders were mostly getting ready to go out Fall fishing. It is always hard to know what time to have our Presbytery meetings, either because of weather, or the possibility that it will interrupt our church programs. The men came from all over southeastern Alaska, and for those from such places as Haines and Skagway, it took a full week out of their church work for travelling and Presbytery. In the States, such a program would probably take only a day or two at the most. Flying the delegates is so expensive, that it is out of the question. But it all worked out fine. I think that the delegates were pleased with the accomodations, and I know that it certainly helped to educate our people in regard to the meaning of Presbytery, and also to inspire them as they met new and old Christian friends. The Presbytery met Tuesday evening and Wednesday in Craig, and Thurs day they were in Klawock all day. Thursday evening they dedicated the Presbyterian sanctuary in the Klawock church in a very inspirational service. Then, after refreshments, they left on the Anna Jackman for their homes.

About four days after Presbytery left, Bob went hunting with one of his friends from Craig, and got a nice big four-point buck. It was the first time that he went hunting this year. It was a real thrill since he is not a very experienced hunter. He didn't know whether or not a sub-machine gun could have been more effective on the deer. He got five shots at him. One missed, and the other four hit him in the head. He should have at least died of shock.

During the summer, when the Vacation Bible School girls were here, Bob made

two trips to Waterfall cannery, which is located almost halfway between Craig and Hydaburg. He went on his small 15-foot skiff and it took an hour and a half each way. So it was just about an all-day trip. He wanted to go a third time, but bad weather prohibited him. Some of our people from Craig were working there in the cannery, and wanted to know if Bob could hold some services there. There were quite a few additional Presbyterians from Hydaburg, and some from Ketchikan. In addition, there were some Filippino men working in the cannery. The first week we had about 80 present, which was a very good attendance. The next week there were about forty- five. The minister from Hydaburg, Rev. Paul Moyer went up one week, so we managed to provide a ministry for them at the cannery. The second week, Bob took the Bible School girls with him and just before the service someone noticed two bears outside the mess hall. It was a mother and her cub. We went out and watched them. They were very tame. One of the girls took moving pictures of them, which turned out very well we understand. We felt that these services were helpful to the people who feel temptation stongly in the summer. It reminded them that God is not on vacation in the summer, and that he cares about us wherever we are.

One thing has come up that we thought we might mention. That is, that the Presbyterian Women's Organization in Klawock has asked us to see if any of our friends have some good used clothing that we could have. There are oftentimes people in our towns, especially Klawock, who need clothing. The PWO usually has Rummage Sales, rather than just giving the clothes to them outright. I think it helps them to appreciate it more. So if anyone has any extra good used clothing, we would be able to use it. There seems to be a special need for children's clothes.

This comming summer, our four- year term will expire, and we will be given a four-month furlough amongthe other 48 states, including a trip to our home in New Jersey. We have already begun making plans for it. We are hoping to make a real trip out of it, since it isn't often that one has a chance to make a trip across the country like this. So far, we are planning to buy a used car in Seattle and make stops at Hebo, Oregon, Tracy, California, Los Angeles, Grand Canyon, Denver, Salida, Colorado, then a long hop to Saginaw, Michigan, Rochester, New York, and down to New Jersey. What a trip! But we're sure that we want to make it. It will give us a real opportunity to see many of our friends and supporting churches, and the country as well. At the present time, we feel that it is the Lord's will that we return to Craig and Klawock to begin another term, so there will also be plans to make and places to stop on the trip back.

Well, we have many plans lined up for the months that lie ahead. In October, we will conduct the fourth Evangelistic Preaching Mission in Craig and Klawock, at which time the Rev. Raymond M. Touvell of Imperial, Pennsylvania, will be our speaker and guest for the week. We are looking forward to his coming and to this week of spiritual growth and uplift. Then comes our Every-Member Canvas and Thanksgiving in November, and all of our Christmas preparations in December including musical numbers by the choirs. In February we are looking forward to an exchange-of-pulpits with our minister in Hydaburg for two weeks. In March and April, our Presbytery-wide Christian Education Director, Mrs. Meyreld Swanson, will be here for a time of instruction and teacher training. Then, in April, is Easter and Presbytery Meetings in far-off Skagway. Finally in May or June, we will begin our trip home. We certainly do appreciate the many cards and letters that we receive from you. We also realize that we are in the thoughts and prayers of many of you, just as you are in ours. We continually think of our many friends spread across the country, and are daily encouraged by this great bond of Christian brotherhood and love. We trust that you feel something of this as you think of us, and that together we can be co- workers in the Lord's vineyard.

In Christ's Service,

Phyllis, Bob, Jim, Chris, and Jeff Van Nest

1133 So. First Ave
Arcadia, Calif.

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Rev. B. J. Bingle
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Bingle:

Ever since our son, Charles returned from his work camp at Harding Lake this summer, we have had it on our minds to write you regarding his experiences.

It was the greatest experience of his young life and he gained much from his six weeks in Alaska not only from his work and sightseeing experiences, but also from his contact with you from which he gained a great appreciation for your dedicated life as a missionary.

May we express to you, our gratitude for contributing to our boys character growth and for your part in making it possible for Charles to see so much of Alaska. You and your work are often in our prayers. Sincerely, Mr. & Mrs. D. A. Strawn

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November 3, 1958

The Rev. and Mrs. Bert J. Bingle
Box # 1027
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bingle:

Since Lynne's summer at Harding Lake camp, she seems definitely to have become and enthusiastic Alaska booster, and we feel that so much of her admiration for our new state and it's people is due to the fine guidance and influence of the both of you.

Lynne has told us of so many incidents indicating to us the concern with which you assume responsibility for these young people and we are surely indebted to you for her safety as well as the Christian influence which made such a strong impression upon her. She returned from Alaska a more mature young lady, self confident and eager to share with anyone that will listen, her experiences and her reactions to her life and work there.

In one of your letters which she received just before she left for Harding Lake, you wisely cautioned her that the success of her summer would depend upon what she might be looking for, for it could be the most vital summer of her life, or, it could be a summer of too many big mosquitoes, hard beds, and I think that you referred to 'too many cranky old people' ! Well, you should know that Lynne quite soberly and sincerely insists that there are but really few mosquitoes in Alaska, and that she slept far too much and too well for the beds felt so good after a hard day's work that she 'just sacked out as soon as she lay down'. She has further indicated many, many times that she will always hald a very special admiration and love for Mr. and Mrs. Bingle there. Her summer will always be, you see, one of the most vital in her life.

Since it was her first venture away from home for very long, and then to a strange land and people, we feel that we were very fortunate to have had her under your care and guidance. We assume that

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she experienced the normal homesickness that comes with growing up, but since that must be experienced and overcome too, we were thankful that she experienced it there with you who could and would understand the reactions of young people in strange surroundings and how to let them and help them grow stronger by overcoming it.

Through Lynne and now others in the Church, we have learned of much of the wonderful work that you have done and are doing there. We hope that if you are ever in the area of the Middle West, you will be sure to visit us so that we may meet you personally and visit with you over a pot of coffee. That seems strange, to write 'meet you personally', for it seems that we already have done so, long ago.

Thank you again for all that you have done for us.

Sincerely,

Verner and Irene Meyers

Mr. and Mrs. Verner M. Meyers

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Delta Jnc. Alaska
Nov. 19-58.

Dr. J E. Jackman &
Rev. Brian Clemrith
Ed. of National Miss,

Enclosed is an estimate of repairs for this Property 1959. If we can get the land between the manse & the Highway Rev. Munro wants to put the church on that land. That is right. It should be there as I see it, The Baptist ch. down the road has a distinct advantage in being seen by the passerby. So the cost in transfer is enclosed with the estimate. It would be a distinct advantage to have the Rec'k hall basement walls insulated. It would save fuel.

1959 Repairs & Estimate

The increase in self support could hardly be decided. At the best it would be a paper increase only. If Rev. Munro is to pay his own Electricity & oil (not phone as that is rec'gd. business) then what was paid for him by the local Church last year will be added to the Salary payment & last year and totaled for the 1959 Salary Payment. If Rev munro does not pay the above (Electricity & oil) then the Salary payment will be the same. This was decided at a meeting last night. Will you inform the session by letter as to what is taking place on this item?

re 1959 Salary & utilities explanation needed

I have written Brian regarding a method of handling the camp for the present if it is not directly handled according to the contract agreement from the Board. I suggested a Camp Service Inc. org. which would handle the camp - or their assignees - which would operate & maintain the camp. I also suggested we raise the funds & buy the 1st mortage against the Camp. If we then made the time payment 10 years instead of 5 I feel the camp could pay it off. I am worried about the contract Legion holding that mortgage. I tried to get our Presbytery to pick it up. John tried recently to get a council meeting to discuss the camp but that fell by default. Somewhere The answer could be if you could get a contract with the Bd. of the Camp to handle it for 5 or 10 yrs. If so maybe by release some where 5000.00 could be secured to get that 1st mortgage.

There is some thot of letting any of the Churches take over who would do the financing for the future - but guaranteeing adequate camping for each of the 4 churches Y-M - the 4-H & the military & I dont think they would give us any other groups the

Now as to something personal:
We have not the money for the Harding Lake portion of our salary for Nov. & Dec. right now. We will forward it at the earliest opportunity.

I know Rev. Stokes wrote you regarding the combination of Labor camp and Board but I do not know what happened. They voted to have you (the Local Camp Bd) administer the camps in a combination set up with Highway Church work. The Camp Com. & the Bd did this to assure that Mrs. Bungh & self would be assigned to the camp work. Your meeting with them in 7 Mile Johnson's Office last time there is one occasion of this decision. But I think we need to cinch that in writing. I think your Office should ask for a contract with the Camp on a 5 or even a 10 year basis. It would stabelize the whole operation. We need to seperate, if we can, I think, the operation & the maintainance of the camp from the the construction and our all policymaking by the Local Camp Bd. There is some contention by the Episcopal minister who has been against most everything. His contribution is 400.00. The camp is now worth no less than 50,000. If we had a division they could play with their camp construction dreams & pay for it.

possible two weeks and pay the bills at the same time. Further I would not like it if another than our church got it. I have given 4 years to this camp along with my regular work. I have given dollars on and for it & I have even given time on leave from the Board totaling $450 to $600 worth - if I have to pay this cost 2 months myself. And Mrs Bingle has worked praise to the place her health was sorta wobbly with frequent nose bleeds last Summer & never received for it one cent. Now to give it to another who has given so little, than they should be ashamed of themselves and also kick like a Kansas mule without reason - I just don't buy the idea. I want that camp under our Nat. Miss. Bd if I can get - Not under an Episcopal or any other. My first suggestion of ownership on basis of gifts I feel was a good one. So if it is possible to secure the contract on the follow up of already adopted policy I think we should do it & do it at once. If not my thot to Brian I want to see more.

Enclosed find two letters of appreciation of work campers parents for last Summer. You can share them with the Work Camp Office if you like.

Thanks for everything - Bert J Bingle

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Delta Jct, Alaska
Nov 17 - 58

Dr. J. E. Jacobson
Alaska Dept Ed / Nat. Mus.
Sec
My dear Dr. Jackman:

Your letter with the return bills arrived. Hope reimbursement comes soon as I have some obligations on that house that should get paid off.

When I get to Yakutat will there be a friend I can use to run some Bible films for those people? Besides what I might get from Brian, Stroll, or Pan Am — I would like to put them on services on the Life of Christ.

I hope I don't miss getting all reports out of here I need to get from time. I sent the Papers to Ted, so he could put on his annual narrative, we have a session meeting tomorrow night. We should send in our estimate of Property repair for 59 + plus what will did not get done in 58. Also an idea of budget. I doubt if there can be better the

people [illegible] at time of
Young Men Rotation has not
been [illegible] by me.
as I find being a
substitute for the real thing does
not help too much. also that
month selling started did not help
either.

The competition by the Pentecostals
& Baptists is not small. We will
have to "beat the Brush" & "Shake the
bushes" or we wont "do" as "very
much either. The Baptist have
over 15 J. trucks carrying his
parishoners from the East. They then
have every parishoner a missionary
picking up someone. The Pentecostals
have a good young preacher
Some good work
Thats pitching for them too. The
Landlord dont like their Honesty
over the they get satisfied. Seems
Some of his material left the wash
room & the Sanctified house. But
Serves his tireless workers. Wish I
had had more and as intense.

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I did do quite a little physical work in this 1½ months. I need to do more. These doors are inside doors hung outside and the fuel fill in is of necessity high. Some of the doors dont shut tight. They were swelled & never adjusted to the winter usage. I hope to correct ~~that~~ this week.

The health nurse comes ~~tomorrow~~ to give the youngsters the once over in the "Rec" hall. She or someone put up a poster saying the use of the "Rec" hall could not be had till Rev Munro returns. That adverse publicity showing an absence of concern of ourselves & the church sorta makes people wait for other things such as attend till Neil comes back. No one contacted us to ask if they could use it. I took it for granted they would be here. - Since they put up the matter I think they should pay the oil.

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and not have this handful
of people here pay the bill
for the whole of the community
who do not attend here to a
large extent for 3 days
per month. — 15 below by
Morning I understand.

My Saloka S.S. has been holding
up to about 12 - I have hopes
to increase it. That is about
8 more than I had at first. I have
the folks this side of the river -
adults - together on the 4th Monday
of each month at one of the old
timers homes - This is an extra.
I hope I can get another place
for a few of the settlers & get together
some 15 miles from here before I leave,
- at least have something for them
for Thanksgiving or Christmas.

I hope you can read this better
than the last letter. My feet and my
hands both did not want to track rightly
at that time. Sincerely, Bert & Bingle

George Johnson

December 8, 1958

Mr. George Johnson
Presbyterian Mission,
Barrow, Alaska

Dear George:

Your October 31 green sheet and your November 18, letter arrived in the same mail, one of course via New York. Thank you the "Final" on your FW at Calvary last year. These reports are a nuisance (remember, I have to read the darn things!) but they are invaluable in each student's file as we try in various ways to help them. I note that your supervisor at Calvary was Jim Oliver. I have not yet spotted his final on you but shall look for it when we are salting yours into the file. If we don't find it we'll needle him! It is no secret, I believe, that he hopes soon to land in a "church of his own."

I note in your report that you are busy. It is always a comfort to know that a minister (or student) is busy enought to keep him out of mischief. Mr. Chambers indicates satisfaction. From my own long experience with students I am sure that the hours he is able to spend with you give him as much satisfaction as they do you. Your own reference to your work, let me quote,"installing door sills in the sanctuary, helping in enlarging the prayer room, ice cutting . . . etc." reminds me of Neh. 3:21, 3:1 -you may remember the story. Eliashib the priest repaired the sheep gate (The gate thru which the sacrificial sheep were led to the altar of sacrifice) (Neh 3^{1}) but he was so busy that he forgot his own home 3^{21}. (You know the plan for rebuilding the wall was that each should build over against his own home - 3^{27}, 3^{28} "Each one opposite his own house." 3^{30} Meshullam was a lodger but he did the work "opposite his chamber") So Meremoth, son of another priest did that job. One of the reasons that you shall hear old Bino screaming about study and home life is that he believes that unless we keep our own intellectual and devotional walls and doors (including the sills where people tread on us!) in good repair the whole city and temple structure gets into disrepair. Sermans get THIN with the most brilliant men and the real job of leading people to the Throne fails -- So wherever else we spread it thin our physical and mental and spiritual health MUST not get that treatment. Your supervisor is probably struggling with the same problem and moreover, if he is anything like me he needs the stimulus of the discussion with a colleague of these things (study and prayer) which keep the edge of a minister's life clean and sharp. Talk it over with him and work out some kind of a schedule however brief which is inviolate - You Eat! Well, Read! Pray!

This didn't start out as a homily,- It must be the Thanksgiving Turkey - One thing I'm thankful for is that I finished last night reading a big file of term papers.

All good wishes.

Ellen Kays, Bucs

Walter D. Knight
Associate Professor in Charge of
Field Service

WDK:gs
cc:Dr. Lange
Dr. Jackman
Rev. John Chambers

Merry Christmas

Alaska Presbytery - Evangelism

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
COPY TO: Dr. J. Earl Jackman

DEC 12 1958

December 10, 1958

The Rev. Richard L. Turner
Box 813
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Dick:

I have just returned from a brief meeting with the other members of the Staff, at which time we discussed our plans for the Synod Ministers' Conferences for 1959. I presented the plans which your committee worked out for the project in Alaska next fall and they were approved. That means that we will be able to provide leadership for the kind of conference which you anticipated at a presbytery meeting in September. We will work both sides of the streets at that conference; that is, we will plan to have an experience for the ministers similar to that which is being developed in the Synod Schools here in the Continental States and at the same time a training conference for the minister-elder teams that you plan to send around to the churches after the presbytery meeting. I cannot give you any answer as to the Division's financial involvement beyond the provision of the leadership at the present time. You will have to get us some estimate of the cost of your followup program and of the part that you would like for us to help you with. Then we will be able to give some sort of concrete answer. I am sending a copy of this letter to John Stokes because I believe that we should try to work out a Ministers' Conference for Yukon Presbytery in coordinated dating with this conference. As you know, the Synod Ministers' Schools is an emphasis of the General Assembly and John felt last fall when I was there that Yukon would like to take advantage of it. Of course it will be impossible for the Division to pay expenses for two separate leadership teams to visit Alaska, so these two will have to be coordinated.

It is extremely important that the dates for these experiences be set as soon as possible. We are planning to issue a brochure on the Ministers' Conference Program which will include the dates and places of all the Schools that are contemplated for 1959. This will be issued in the early spring, probably sometime late in February or early March. I know that you will want to have your arrangements completed insofar as dates and places are concerned by that time so that the Alaska Schools can be included in the national

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brochure. I would suggest that you write the Moderator and Stated Clerk of your presbytery and also suggest that John Stokes do the same thing and that you correspond with John in order to work out the dating of these conferences. You guys let me know as soon as you get something concrete under way.

Best wishes to you all in all your work. I hope you have a good Christmas Season. Dick, I would also appreciate knowing how your plans are coming for the pulpit exchange in the next couple of months.

Sincerely,

Dean H. Lewis

DHL:hm

Dictated December 8

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REV. NEIL MUNRO
PASTOR

PHONE ACS 3510

Big Delta Presbyterian Church

DELTA JUNCTION, ALASKA

Mt. Hermon, Calif.
December 15, 1958

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Dear Dr. Jukkema,

The mails are sure slow here in the "Old Country." Your letters finally got to us and the information you wanted was due today. I surely hope Jack was able to give all the information you need. He has a complete record of car expenses. To the best of my memory the auto was running close to $100 a month plus my 25% share of the expense.

As for the utilities allowance, we have not kept an accurate check of specific buildings. The church has paid for all utilities in the past. As I understood Burt's last letter, I will be responsible for all the utilities on the manse from now on. Burt made an estimate on the utilities cost at $90.

Burt has found something I have known and haven't been able to whip, the manse uses too much oil to heat. He said that you or someone in N.Y. made a study of Jon Herbst's manse and came up with some money saving improvements. Can the same thing be done at Delta?

We will be here at Mt. Hermon until the 20th. We then go to Van Nuys through Christmas day then back to Berkeley. I have an engagement at the University Church in Seattle on Jan 4th and will leave right afterwards. We have received gifts while "outside" that will cover the flight to send Kenny and Peter back by plane. So I am sure that I won't need all the $300 I requested. But I should like to have it as reserve for the winter trip and will submit the balance as soon as I get there.

We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Him

Neil

Dear Mr. Jackman: We are still trying to follow up on the Greist case. Thanks for yours of Dec /2/58.

No reply to this is required

V. Stefansson (2)

DEC 29 1958

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
Washington 25, D.C.

December 8, 1958

Mr. Vilhjalmur Stefansson
Program of Northern Studies
Dartmouth College
Hanover, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Stefansson:

In your letter of October 22, 1958, you supplied additional information concerning the reports of Dr. and Mrs. Greist.

An extensive search of the records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs now in the National Archives, including the records of the Alaska Division, has failed to reveal any reports of the nature you described. We have been unable to find any reports from either Dr. or Mrs. Greist, though there are several letters which mention their hospital at Point Barrow. Probably, since the hospital was under the supervision of the Presbyterian Church and the mission was so extremely isolated, official communications with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Education were infrequent.

You might write to the Director of the Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, Naval Air Station, Building 5-D, Seattle 15, Washington. Perhaps the reports you are seeking may be among some of the older records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Bureau of Education which have been sent to the records center.

Sincerely yours

Jane F. Smith
Archivist in Charge, Interior Branch
Natural Resources Records Division
The National Archives

DR. JACKMAN

Herman Turner

DEC 30 1958

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156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 10, N.Y. ALGONQUIN 5-5000

December 29, 1958

My dear Mr. Turner:

Dr. Jackman wrote us recently to inquire about the possibility of some volunteer service for you in our Indian work in the southwest and we in turn wrote to Canado Mission to see whether there would be any opening there.

In reply, we have just received the following comment from Dr. Poncel:

> "We are returning the papers on Mr. Herman Turner after studying them carefully. About the only job we could cut out for him would be a combination yard maintenance-vegetable or truck farmer's job since we no longer have the dairy and we have no plans for reactivating it. Mr. Herman Turner could help us considerably in setting up a large vegetable garden on the Mission farm and cultivating this garden for the use of the Mission. We pay our share of the irrigation water from the nearby reservoir annually anyway, whether we use the water or not and this would be one way of making use of it. The campus lawns and trees need considerable expert attention also and between these two assignments or jobs he could keep busy. If you feel that he would be interested in this set-up, we will be glad to draw up more specific descriptions of the job as well as accommodations available for him and Mrs. Turner."

Before asking Dr. Poncel to go any further, we would be interested in knowing whether the assignment he has mentioned would appeal to you. We would also like to know whether you would feel that you could serve in return for room and board for yourself and your wife.

Incidentally, we might run into a problem in connection with social security if we provide room and board for both, unless Mrs. Turner were willing to accept an assignment since as of January 1, housing if provided for a married man, and room and board if provided for a so-called single worker, will both be rated at an evaluation of $1,000 annually.

Dr. Jackman mentioned in his memo about you that you will be receiving

a payment from social security and would be willing to work for whatever you could earn under social security which he refers to as $100 cash or"an adjustment on this if housing or maintenance were provided."

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

Mr. Herman Turner
Fairview Apartments
Airport Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

KEG:tc
cc: Dr. Jackman
Miss Palmer

DEC 29 1958

Hotel Sans Souci

Port.au.Prince, Haiti

545 7th St.,
Fairbanks, Alaska
December 27, 1958

Wilbur Dierking

My dear Dr Jackman:

I will be writing to you once a week in the measure of a report, that is, if there is anything interesting or unusual. I will do this while I am here, then I won't have to write you one big report.

12/19/58

We arrived from Seattle a week ago Friday night, and a good group of these people met us at the airport. Mr Edgar Philleo, as you said, was there to meet us. We had a lovely flight. The elders brought us to the church, where a supper was prepared for our reception. How these women can bake pies! I was called upon for a few words by the moderator, John Stokes. I like him very much. I preached Sunday morning and participated Sunday evening in the Eskimo service. You will get a report from Marion Horton as to the televising of their pageant for KOMO, Seattle. It was a new experience for me, with the Eskimos.

The regular Sunday school program was held on Tuesday evening. A large group attended. Christmas morning we held a regular worship service.

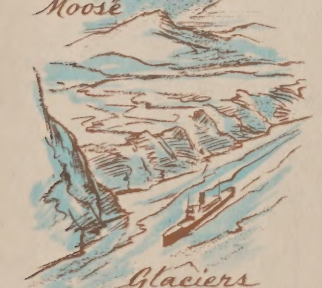
I have been into the homes and expect to get into many more while I am here. The session will meet this week, at their request and mine, so that we can arrange together what is to be done.

I had a good letter from Brian Cleworth of Juneau. It made me feel good to hear from him. The young people brought us in a Christmas tree, and we have been treated royally. I go on TV this afternoon. Thank-You again

Another report next week. Cordially Wilbur Dierking

Herman & Turner.

JAN 8 1959



Fairbanks, Alaska
Fairview Manor, 1-B-4
Jan, 3, 1959

Miss Katherine Gladfelter
Sec. Dept. of Education and Medical Work
Presbyterian National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Miss Gladfelter,-

We were pleased to receive your letter, yesterday. When Dr. Jackman was here a while ago, we spoke to him about the what we would like to do when I retire from my work in the Agricultural Extension Service. The Mission Work of the Presbyterian Church has appealed to my wife and myself ever since we came to Alaska. So, when our thoughts turn to retirement we feel that we would like to spend some time in some Mission project of the Church. As work with the Natives has become a dominent interest in our lives, we would like to continue working with them. The southwest, and the Indians there, has intrigued us and we feel that we would enjoy serving the Lord in that area for a few years.

Mrs. Turner, as a director of Hospitality House and chairman of the program committee, spends considerable time over there with the girls. Our apartment is only a block from the House, so it's easy for her to go there. She has a class in Bible with the girls and staff. She teaches a Sunday School class at College Presbyterian Church, where we belong, and we both teach at the Eskimo Sunday School Sunday afternoons at First Church. So she is busy in the work of the Church. She has her degree in Education and if we should go to the southwest she would like to do some teaching.

In my work as Agricultural Agent-at-Large for the Agricultural Extension Service my work is entirely in the native villages, Eskimo and Indian. The purpose is to help them in the cultural changes taking place wherein the indigenous people will have to move from their hunting-fishing economy into modern civilization including husbandry. I do most of my work with the boys and girls. I have this year 505 of them enrolled in 4-H in 39 villages. Have had 327 4-H gardens in 34 villages. Have Extension Services in 48 villages. My work, therefire, is mainly teaching and after retirement I would like to continue in some form of teaching.

Looking after the garden and grounds at Ganado would be interesting. However, if I should take over that work I would like to have boys and girls work under me and I would teach them rudaments of husbandry. We could make it an open air classroom while getting the work done. I like to work with native boys and girls and I feel there is a future for them in agrarian lines as well as in other things.

Mrs. Turner had enough credits in Social Science for a degree. Her Minor was Home Economics.

Looking foreward to hearing from you again, and wishing you a very Happy New Year, I remain,

Sincerely,

Copy to Dr.Jackman

Herman Turner

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OCTOBER MEETING OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COUNCIL

Over KFAR-TV the HEW Council presented another phase of its many-sided program, Monday evening, Oct. 27th, at six o'clock. The panel included Jens Forshaug, president of the Council; Herman Turner, a vice president, and Roger Silluk, a native of Gamble, St. Lawrence Island. Mr. Forshaug introduced Mr. Silluk, who with his wife and six children are on their way to Chicago to make a new start in the world. Economic conditions are not very good at the present time out on St. Iawrence Island, forty miles from the Soviet shores. "We are on the edge of darkness" said Silluk, who has been finding it increasingly difficult to provide for his family. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, through Mr. Forshaug, Relocation Director for this area, is sending Mr. Silluk and his family to Chicago where a job awaits him. He will also attend a night school where he will learn more about diesel engine operation. He has been doing some of that out at Gamble.

Mr. Forshaug, then, introduced Mr. Turner, who is Agricultural Agent-at-Large, serving the Remote Areas of Alaska. Mr. Turner, told of his TV audience how the Agricultural Extension Service is seeking to aid the villages with their economic problems. "As Mr. Silluk has pointed out," Mr. Turner said, "Many villages are having a hard time meeting their economic needs." In areas where garden crops grow well, the Extension Service is giving assistance in the form of technical help and with seeds for 4-H gardeners. Mr. Turner showed, with the help of a placard, the advancement made in number of gardens villages have grown since this service began in the spring of 1956. There were no 4-H gardens in the Remote areas in 1955. This season there were 327.

After the TV presentation the council met at the Fairbanks Health Center for a business session at which routine matters were attended to.

Dr. Jochimsen: If you are in Anchorage on the last Monday evening of each month, we would appreciate your attending our meetings at the Health Center at 8:00 P.M.
Also our annual H E W conference will be held Aug. 18-21 on the University campus H.T.